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DOUBLE TROUBLE

WILLIAMS SISTERS BOUNCED FROM FRENCH OPEN IN SECOND ROUND, PAGE 10B

Better train service a priority

Connecticut's senators met community leaders and pledged to push Metro-North for better train service out of the Waterbury station. **PAGE 1B**



Ducks are ready to race

The ninth annual Naugatuck Chamber of Commerce festival Sunday will include activities all day, including 20,000 rubber ducks splashing into the river. **PAGE 11D**

Hernandez motive detailed

Prosecutors say Aaron Hernandez, the former Patriots tight end from Bristol, killed two people in 2012 because he was disrespected in a nightclub. **PAGE 3A**

Natural gas takes the blame

A lack of pipelines to bring natural gas into the state is being partly blamed for increased electricity prices. Rates for many state residents go up July 1. **PAGE 1C**

OPINION OF THE DAY: "A yes vote in Winsted's budget referendum Saturday is necessary to help the new, strong and capable Board of Selectmen continue the long task of repairing the town's finances." — **Brian Oheron, Winsted**
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WEB EXTRAS

TODAY AT REP-AM.COM

- » **HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS** Photos from the NVL track championship, the Torrington-Holy Cross baseball game, Woodland-Seymour softball and Torrington-Naugatuck softball.
- » **WIN DINNER** Visit the online Dining Guide for your chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Junipers Restaurant in Middlebury.
- » **LEARN TO GROW** Nonprofit community garden teaches young people about horticulture and even how to cook. Read more about it in the Gardening blog.
- » **TORRINGTON DEMOLITION** Watch video of workers taking down the burned-out Toce Brothers tire warehouse.
- » **ANGELOU'S DEATH** Watch video of fans talking about the work and legacy of Maya Angelou.

High **65** A sunny morning, then cool and cloudy
 Low **46** later in the day.
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Cost clouds school issue

Some question if city can afford touted East End facility

BY MICHAEL PUFFER
 REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

WATERBURY — Chase Elementary School teacher Sonja Selenka often forgets there's a toilet and urinal hidden behind bookshelves and materials in her room. That is, until a strong sewer stink wafts through.

Then, Selenka's glad that

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she doesn't have enough room to teach in the room that serves as her home base. She teaches students struggling to learn English in any space she can find around the school. Her desk is in an of-

fice — converted from a locker room — shared with three other specialists.

Selenka was among 23 public speakers at a Wednesday city meeting concerning a \$49.6 million proposal to build a new pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade school in the city's East End. The rare joint meeting of the boards of Aldermen and Education was

held at Chase.

The school board has already endorsed the project. The Board of Aldermen need to approve soon if the city hopes to meet a June 30 deadline to apply for state aid worth 68 percent of project cost, or \$31.5 million. No vote would come Wednesday. It

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STRONG, DEADLY WINDS

NEW MILFORD MAN KILLED AFTER POLE LANDS ON CAR



JACK CORAGGIO REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Kevin Mateer, a 49-year-old New Milford resident was killed during Tuesday night's storm when this utility pole on Van Car Road split, fell on his car and set it on fire. Police say he was electrocuted by live wires when he got out of the burning car around 7 p.m. Strong winds from the storm also knocked out power for thousands in the area. **Story on Page 5B.**

Below, utility lines lie on and across Peter Road in Southbury on Wednesday. **Story on Page 2B.**



DARLENE DOUTY REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

In Wolcott, roaming dog leads to pot

BY ANDREW LARSON
 REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

WOLCOTT — Police made a big marijuana bust Monday after an assistant animal control officer responded to a complaint of a roaming dog on Cancellaro Drive.

While talking to the homeowner, Plymouth Police Officer Cesar Beiros, who is a part-time animal control officer in Wolcott, saw what appeared to be two marijuana plants growing inside the back porch of the home.

He called for backup, but kept the homeowner in the dark about his suspicions.

Officers talked to the homeowner, who was later

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“LISTEN TO YOURSELF AND IN THAT QUIETUDE YOU MIGHT HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD.”

MAYA ANGELOU'S FINAL TWEET, POSTED MAY 23

She wrote from her soul

Cultural pioneer Maya Angelou dies at 86

BY HILLEL ITALIE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maya Angelou's story awed millions. A childhood victim of rape, she broke through silence and shame to tell her tale in one of the most widely read memoirs of the 20th century. A black woman born into poverty and segregation, she recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history.

"I'm not modest," she told The Associated Press in 2013. "I have no mod-



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Maya Angelou rose from poverty, segregation and violence to become a force on stage, screen and the printed page.

esty. Modesty is a learned behavior. But I do pray for humility, because humility

comes from the inside out."

Angelou, a renaissance woman and cultural pioneer, died Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was 86.

"She lived a life as a teacher, activist, artist and human being. She was a warrior for equality, tolerance and peace," said her son, Guy B. Johnson.

Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, she was unforgettable whether encountered in person, through sound or the printed word.

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